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The applicant's arguments are not persuasive. The applicant argues that the spacings of Ngayoshi and Mazzini do not allow the structure to flex to conform to the door frame. In the rejection Bright was used to teach "spaced and dimensioned such that the seal strip can deform to fit the seal edge to irregularities on the seal face". In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references.

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